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Washington State Clean Indoor Air Act RCW 70.160

Effective December 8, 2005, the amended Washington State Clean Indoor Air Act now prohibits smoking in most work and public places as well as 25 feet from all doors, windows and air intakes. These changes reflect Washington citizen's commitment to ensuring that all workers are protected from secondhand smoke.

What is Secondhand Smoke?

Also called environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) secondhand smoke is a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar and the smoke exhaled from a smoker's lungs.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 substances, 43 of which are known to cause cancer. Waitresses and bar tenders have higher rates of lung and heart disease than many other occupations.

What does the Act require Businesses to do?

Starting Thursday December 8, 2005, No public or private employer may allow smoking at their business. Customers must be informed that smoking is not permitted indoors. Motels and Hotels must ensure that 75% of all rooms are non-smoking rooms.

What about smoking outdoors?

The Act prohibits smoking within 25 feet of all doors, windows that open and air intakes. Staff must also inform the public that smoking is not permitted within the 25 foot radius.

Should signs be posted?

Yes. "No smoking" signs must be prominently posted at all entrances and properly maintained.

What should Businesses do if customers insist on smoking?

The Owner, manager or staff must remind the patrons of the provisions of the Act and explain that they must step outside to smoke and not be within 25 feet of the doors, windows and air intakes.

How will the act be enforced?

Jefferson County Public Health will investigate all complaints. The owner, manager or person in charge must make a reasonable effort to prevent smoking and adhere to the 25 foot rule.

How can I find more information?

Contact Jefferson County Public Health at (360) 385-9446.

Where can I get Information on Quitting?

If you use tobacco and want to quit call the Washington State Quit Line at 1-877-270-STOP (1-877-270-7867) or visit quitline.com.

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